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SUBJECT: JLP ISSUES HO HUM ELECTION MANIFESTO

1. SUMMARY: THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY ISSUED ITS LONG-AWAITED ELECTION MANIFESTO DECEMBER 4 DEFINING ITS PROGRAM OF "NATIONALISM" AND DENOUNCING THE PNP'S FIVE YEARS IN CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE BASIC THEME OF THE MANIFESTO WAS "RESTORATION OF CONFIDENCE" AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN "PRIVATE INITIATIVE." THE MANIFESTO WAS PUBLISHED WITH MINIMAL FANFARE AND CONTAINED NO SURPRISES.

2. THE SIX PAGE MANIFESTO (FULL TEXT POUCH DEPT) IS A NUMBEROLOGICAL NIGHTMARE OF LISTS OF PRIORITIES, GOALS, STRATEGIES, ETC. IT LISTS THE FIVE GOALS OF "NATIONALISM" AS:

- A. HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING
- B. GREATER SOCIAL HARMONY
- C. STRONGER CULTURAL ROOTS
- D. CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL ASSETS
- E. STABLE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT

3. THE FIVE STRATEGIES TO BE PURSUED BY A JLP GOVERNMENT ARE:

-- EQUAL AND GREATER OPPORTUNITY-THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION;

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-- BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF SECTORS AND REGIONS-

THROUGH A REGULATED FREE MARKET SYSTEM;
--LOCAL CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY-THROUGH
"JAMAICANIZATION" OR 51 PERCENT CONTROL
OF ALL ENTERPRISES:
-- A JUST BALANCE BETWEEN THE DUTIES OF THE
STATE AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE-BY
GUARANTEES ON HUMAN AND PROPERTY RIGHTS AND
THE STIMULATION OF PERSONAL MOTIVATION;
-- STABILIZATION OF A FREE SOCIETY

4. THE DOCUMENT DEVOTES ONE PAGE TO A RECITATION OF
JLP ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE PERIOD (1962-1972)
OF JLP CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT. PARTICULAR
STRESS IS GIVEN TO JLP INITIATED DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS AND THE INITIATION OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL-
IZATION, MINING AND TOURISM PROJECTS. IT TAKES
CREDIT FOR "SETTING OUT QUIETLY AND EFFICIENTLY
TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF DRAMATIC SOCIAL CHANGE
WITHOUT SOCIAL CHAOS."

5. THE STRONGEST PORTION OF THE MANIFESTO IS
THAT WHICH CRITICIZES THE PNP FOR "COLLAPSE OF
THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS".
SPECIFICALLY, THE MANIFESTO ACCUSES THE PNP
GOVERNMENT OF:

-- OVER-PRICING-ALLOWING INFLATION TO
INCREASE TO AN ANNUAL RATE OF 16
PER CENT.

-- OVER-SPENDING-BY RESORTING TO DESPERATION
FINANCING AND DEPLETION OF THE FOREIGN
RESERVES.

-- OVER BORROWING-CAUSING THE COUNTRY'S
CREDIT RATING TO FALL FROM "A" TO "C".

-- OVER TAXING-BY IMPOSING \$180 MILLION
IN NEW TAXES.

--UNDER-PRODUCTION-TO INCLUDE FOUR
SUCCESSIVE YEARS OF ZERO ECONOMIC GROWTH.

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6. THE REST OF THE MANIFESTO ELABORATES ON THESE
THEMES IN BUREAUCRATIC MONOTONE (I.E., "...
THERE IS A PRESSING NEED TO RATIONALIZE THE
BUREAUCRATIC FRAMEWORK WHICH NOW RETARDS THE
PRODUCTION PROCESS BY A DILATORY WEB OF DECISIONS
AND PERMITS...", ETC.).

7. COMMENT: FOR A DOCUMENT WHICH HAD BEEN DE-

SIGNED TO GIVE IMPETUS TO A LAGGING CAMPAIGN,
THE JLP MANIFESTO IS A DISAPPOINTMENT. WHILE
THE PNP MANIFESTO WAS THIN ON SUBSTANCE ANDSTRONG
ON RHETORIC, THE JLP EFFORT IS SINGULARLY DEFICIENT
IN BOTH CATEGORIES. IT CONTAINS A FEW OFT-EXPRESSED
THEMES AND OFFERS NOTHING NEW TO ANY AS-YET-
UNDECIDED VOTERS. IT STRIVES TO CREATE AN IMAGE
OF RESPONSIBLE STABILITY BUT IT COMES CLOSER TO
INDUCING APATHY AND SOMNOLENCE.
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